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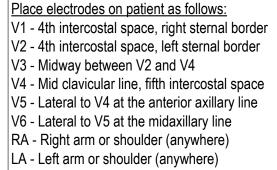
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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS PRACTICAL SKILL 12-LEAD ELECTROCARDIOGRAM

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Purpose:			Indications:		
To obtain and transmit a diagnostic quality 12-lead electrocardiogram		Any patient experiencing symptoms of suspected cardiac origin			
Advantages:	Disadvantages:		Complications:	Contraindications:	
Provides electrical view of all areas of the myocardium	May delay transpo	rt	None	Critical or unstable patient	



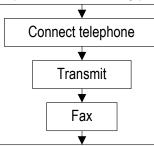
RL - Right leg or right lower abdomen (anywhere) LL - Left leg or left lower abdomen (anywhere)

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Enter at least patient's initials, age, gender and run report number in monitor

Instruct patient to lie quietly while machine collects date

Press "Acquire" softkey to acquire ECG (two copies will automatically print out)



Select Med Base Fax if using cell phone, patient's home phone, or any phone which requires dialing '9' to get an outside line



NOTES:

- Obtain the 12 lead at the earliest opportunity without compromising patient care.
- For best results, the 12 lead should be transmitted from the patient's home over a land line. 12-lead ECGs do not transmit well from the inside of an ambulance!
- Do not delay administration of nitroglycerin to obtain a 12 lead ECG.